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1. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ON AUGUST 30 TOLD THE PRESS THAT INDIA HAD STRONGLY PROTESTED THE "MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN" BY PAKISTANI MISSIONS ABROAD THAT INDIA MIGHT WANT A "DIVERSIONARY MOVE" AGAINST PAKISTAN IN ORDER TO TURN ATTENTION FROM INDIA'S STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE PROTEST NOTE ASSERTED THAT PAKISTAN AND ITS MISSIONS ABROAD ARE SPEARHEADING THIS CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE PAKISTANI PRESS. THE NOTE URGED PAKISTAN TAKE STEPS TO CEASE THE PROPAGANDA. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS "OFFICIALLY INSPIRED CAMPAIGN AGAINST INDIA IS COMPLETELY BASELESS AND VIOLATES THE SIMLA AGREEMENTNG B IS BOUND TO VITIATE THE ATMOSPHERE AND CAUSE SERIOUS SETBACK IN THE PROCESS OF NORMALIZATION, IF UNCHECKED."

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2. IN A CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 3 WITH THE ACTING POL COUNSE-

LOR, MEA DEPUTY SECRETARY DEB MUKHERJEE CONFIRMED DISPATCH OF THE NOTE AND ITS CONTENT.

3. COMMENT: JOINT SECRETARY CHIB, PAKISTAN DIVISION, MEA, TOLD US ON AUGUST 27 THAT THE GOI FOUND THE PAKISTANI CHARGES "VERY IRITATING." THE INDIAN PROTEST APPARENTLY CONFIRMS OUR IMPRESSION THAT INDIA IS NOT IN HURRY TO PROCEED WITH A NEW ROUND OF CIVIL AIR TALKS OR ACT ON ANY OTHER MAJOR ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE HOPE TO SEE CHIB AGAIN NEXT WEEK AND WILL PROBE FURTHER.

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